

# NH Bureau of EMS-Bulletin

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## Message from the Chief

This is a time of transition for the Bureau. After many months and a rigorous hiring process, Nick Mercuri has been named as the new EMS Bureau Chief and will be starting on July 26th. Nick brings a great deal of experience and qualification to the position, and we welcome him to the Bureau. With Perry Plummer having accepted the nomination for Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the search will begin right away for a new Division Director. Angela Shepard has resigned as Trauma Coordinator, and we will be working to fill that position by this fall. All of these staff changes are coincidental to each other and motivated by completely unrelated individual personal reasons. All of these changes have meant some slow down of our work on projects and our ability to respond to some requests for help or information in as timely a manner as we would like. We want to assure everyone that we will continue to work on all important projects and respond to your needs. Various staff members are sharing duties in the interim, and, while we may take a couple more days than usual to respond to your questions, we will continue to do so. If you have any issues that you feel have not been addressed, please contact myself or Chief Mercuri, and we will follow up on the matter.

The staff at the Bureau of Ems remain as dedicated as ever to promoting and supporting the profession of EMS in NH.

Signing off - Chip Cooper, MPH, EMT-P Interim Bureau Chief

## Education Section

### Simulation Program

Our Simulation Program is up and running for providing state-of-the-art, high-fidelity adult and pediatric simulation training to requesting agencies. Please contact our Simulation Program Coordinator, Michael Kennard ([michael.kennard@dos.nh.gov](mailto:michael.kennard@dos.nh.gov)) to schedule this valuable asset for your training needs.

### AEMT Mobile Exam Program

The Education Section is proud to announce that our mobile AEMT exam is fully approved by PearsonVUE. Following a certification test, the mobile site will be ready to roll out. Please watch the list-serves for site requirements to host and request a test.

### NH AEMT CBT exams

These have been going well with 79% of NH candidates passing within 3 attempts. This is above the national average and further enforces our belief that our state's EMT-I's are among the best in the nation. Don't let these passing scores fool you though; the AEMT exam is a tough test and self-motivated studying is still the main key to success.

### Online/Distance Learning

Finally, we are preparing to release guidelines for the approval and delivery of Online/Distance Learning. These guidelines will help to ensure that EMS education delivered to our providers through online, mixed content or other distributive methods will be of consistently high quality.

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## Research & Quality Management

### Email addresses in TEMSIS:

We are in the process of updating the connection between the licensing database where we store all of your EMS license information and the TEMSIS system. Once this update is in place, we will be able to send your email address to TEMSIS. This means you will need to make sure that the licensing staff have your most current and accessible email address on file because that is the email address that will show up for you in TEMSIS (e.g. for password recovery).

### Ambulances in TEMSIS:

We will also be updating the ambulance connection. This will eventually show your unit call sign and your vehicle license number instead of your VIN number in TEMSIS. You will have to make sure that information is updated with licensing as well to make sure it works.

# Trauma & Emergency Preparedness

The Statewide Trauma Registry is still in progress. We continue to work on the proposal process and hope to have a contract in place this fall sometime.

Trauma Conference is still scheduled for November. We will be appointing a staff person to continue planning and organization of the conference.

We will begin searching for a new Trauma Coordinator once Chief Mercuri has a chance to settle in and evaluate our overall staffing plan.

## Field Services Section

### EMS Annual Awards

The Fire Service and EMS Committee of Merit awards ceremony will be held on Sept. 23, 2013 at a location to be announced. All are welcome to attend this event which recognizes the best of the best in Fire and EMS. This ceremony is funded through donations from Fire and EMS organizations and private entities. Though this event has traditionally been held at the Capitol Center for the Arts, a shortage of funds may result in a change of venue for this year. Donations of any amount will help ensure that the Committee is able to rent an appropriate location for the ceremony and should be sent to the Fire and EMS Committee of Merit, c/o Division FST & EMS, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305; please make checks payable to the Fire and EMS Committee of Merit. Thank you for all you can do, and we look forward to seeing you at the ceremony!

### "Spot Inspections"

The provision for vehicle and wheelchair van inspections to be completed by Bureau staff at any time, without prior notice, has been laid out in rule since 2010. In 2013, the EMS Field Services Inspection Team will be fully implementing this option. EMS unit leaders will be notified of this enhancement to the inspection process, which is meant to verify that standards are being met at all times. The inspection sheets used by the Bureau are posted on the Division's website, and unit personnel are encouraged to use these sheets to develop their daily check sheets at the beginning of each shift.

Once a "spot" inspection has been completed, a notice will be sent back to the Unit Head listing the crew staffing the vehicle or wheelchair van. If questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Doolan, Field Services Coordinator at the Upper Valley EMS Field Office at 603-223-4281 or via email: [kathy.doolan@dos.nh.gov](mailto:kathy.doolan@dos.nh.gov).

## Advanced Life Support

### May, 2013 Medical Control Board meeting

The board approved the following regarding inter-facility transfers:

- Long-term vented patient can be transported for non-emergent care (office visits) by an EMT when the usual caregiver is present in the ambulance to manage the ventilator..
- The board agreed invasive temperature monitoring is acceptable under PIFT.
- On an individual, case-by-case basis, it is acceptable for a Paramedic to transport a patient with equipment not found on this list, with

proper in-servicing. The in-servicing can be completed at the time of the transfer. The paramedic must be comfortable with the device based on this in-service and the device must not be of a critical nature.